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SUBJECT: ANTITRUST: HOFFMANN- LA ROCHE

1. FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION (FTC) HAS JUST INFORMED DEPARTMENT THAT IT INTENDS TO CONDUCT A PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION INTO THE ACTIVITIES OF HOFFMANN- LA ROCHE OF BASIL, SWITZERLAND AND ITS U.S. SUBSIDIARY, HOFFMANN- LA ROCHE, INC. OF NUTLEY, NEW JERSEY, AS THESE ACTIVITIES AFFECT U.S. COMMERCE. FTC PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION IS TO DETERMINE IF HOFFMANN - LA ROCHE HAS VIOLATED SECTION 5 OF THE FTC ACT AND DOES NOT IN ITSELF IMPLY THAT U.S. LAW HAS BEEN VIOLATED OR THAT A SUBSEQUENT LEGAL CASE

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WILL BE FILED. A LETTER FROM FTC TO U.S. SUBSIDIARY

REQUESTING INFORMATION PERTINENT TO INVESTIGATION WILL BE
DELIVERED ON OR ABOUT FEBRUARY 2.

2. ACTION: PURSUANT TO OECD RECOMMENDATIONS, EMBASSY
IS REQUESTED TO NOTIFY THE APPROPRIATE GOS AGENCY OF THIS
IMPENDING INVESTIGATION AND TO REPORT TO DEPARTMENT ANY
SWISS GOVERNMENT REACTION. KISSINGER

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